

Nuclear Evacuation

If your child day care center is located within a ten-mile radius of a nuclear power plant or research facility, the facility shall also have plans for nuclear evacuation.

Follow instructions provided by emergency personnel by the Emergency Alert System, direct phone communication or from the NOAA radio alert or television.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission requires that each plant have specifically developed off-site emergency response plans for everyone within ten miles of the plant. The plans are maintained by parish and local emergency management agencies. If your center is within ten miles of a nuclear power plant (or if you THINK you are) contact your EMA office to ensure that your plans fit into the larger plans that are maintained for the entire Emergency Planning Zone around the plant. In addition, many types of hazardous substances including radioactive materials are shipped daily across the state. Municipal EMA's and fire departments maintain information concerning extreme hazardous and radioactive materials that are stored, used, or manufactured in the area. Contact them when developing your facilities plans to coordinate activities in the event of an emergency.

Warning

Warning of a hazardous or radioactive materials incident is usually received from the fire or police department or the EMA when such an incident occurs close to or on a facility property.

Response

- Determine whether it is safer to shelter in place or to evacuate the facility.
- If it's necessary to evacuate the area follow your evacuation procedures, and move crosswind; never directly into or against the wind which may be carrying fumes.
- Upon reaching a point of safety take a Roll Call.
- Occupants must not return until the emergency services personnel have declared the area to be safe.



Visit the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) website:
<http://gohsep.la.gov/> for additional information and alerts